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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Since the yield from plantations is bounteous, what is the cause for the delay in introducing a Bill to impose an agricultural income-tax on them?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" There is no delay. We are on the Budget and as soon as the Budget session is over, we will do it."

Opening of a gruel centre at Tirupati.

* 122 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Inspector of Local Boards has refused sanction to the proposal of the Tirupati Municipality to open a gruel centre at Tirupati;

(*b*) whether there are any municipalities in the State which run beggar homes or provide relief to the disabled and cripples within their municipal areas; and

(*c*) whether the Inspector of Local Boards ultimately passes the budgets of all municipalities and district boards and whether he is the ultimate authority to sanction disbursements of municipal and district board funds?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) The Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards has not received any proposal from the Tirupati Municipal Council to open a gruel centre at Tirupati.

" (*b*) The Corporation of Madras and the Municipal Councils of Coimbatore, Ootacamund and Nellore are maintaining beggar homes.

" (*c*) Final orders on the budgets of municipal councils and district boards are not passed by the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards but by Government. The Inspector is competent to sanction some extraordinary items of expenditure by municipal councils and district boards up to certain monetary limits under powers delegated."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, am I to understand that the so-called municipal autonomy is a fiction so far as the budget is concerned? " 11 a.m.

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" It is subject to control also."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Sir, what is the amount that can be sanctioned by the Inspector of Local Boards? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, is there a necessity to open a gruel centre at Tirupati? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" There may be a necessity. But it is the look-out of the Government to open gruel centres and not of the municipalities and district boards."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" May I know, Sir, if there are no beggar homes why not the Government issue an order to run beggar homes or to provide relief to the disabled and crippel in all the big cities? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am examining the question as to opening destitute homes in all places. Probably the Opposition have got news of it, and they want to steal my thunder." (Laughter.)

Bus service in Visakhapatnam.

* 123 *Q.*—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any complaints from the public of Visakhapatnam regarding the irregular service of the city bus service in Visakhapatnam; and

(*b*) if so, what is the action taken by the Government?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (b) Suitable instructions have been issued to the Regional Transport Officer, Visakhapatnam, to eliminate the irregularities and improve the service."

SRI G. ANJANEYULU :—" ఒక విశాఖపట్నంలోనే కాకుండా గుంటూరు, బెజవాడలలో కూడా బస్సు సర్వీసులలో irregularities జరుగుతున్నవి అని అంటున్నారు. ప్రభుత్వంవారు అటువంటివి ఏమీ జరుగకుండా నివారించ జేస్తారా? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I should like to submit to you, Sir, that the hon. Member's question does not arise."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It was put in Telugu, so I did not understand his question. That is my difficulty."

Tenancy Legislation.

* 124 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTHA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government propose to bring Tenancy Legislation to secure fixity of tenure and if so, by what time?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Land Revenue Reforms Committee, constituted by the Government in May 1950, examined the tenancy problems such as fixity of tenure, fair rents, grounds for eviction of tenants, etc. The recommendations made by the Committee are under consideration of the Government. The question of undertaking legislation on these recommendations will be considered soon after final decisions are taken on them."